Passport Collection Centre has also been opened very recently in Amritsar. The Standing Committee of Parliament has recommended that new Passport Offices be opened in states/regions where input of applications for fresh passports exceeds 50,000. There are also other parameters based on which location of new Passport Offices is decided. Based on these, there is no requirement of opening any new Passport Offices in the State of Punjab.

(c) and (d) Presently Passports are being issued to the applicants from the State of Punjab within a reasonable period of time. Generally, there are no longer complaints regarding delays in issue of passports by any of the two Passport Offices which serve the applicants from the state.

मध्य प्रदेश में बाई-पास मार्ग के पैकेज 2 और 3 पर प्रगति

2473. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जबलपुर, मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग हेतु बन रहे बाई-पास मार्ग के पैकेज 2 और पैकेज 3 पर कार्य नहीं हो रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कार्य न होने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या जल्द काम पूरा करने के लिए कोई प्रयास किया जा रहा है; और

(घ) क्या इस कार्य में विलम्ब के लिए ठेकेदार तथा अधिकारी के खिलाफ कोई कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० राजशेखर मूर्ति): (क) से (घ) जबलपुर बाई पास के कार्य में दो पैकेज शामिल हैं। पैकेज सं० 2 का कार्य चल रहा है जबकि पैकेज सं० 3 रेलवे प्राधिकारियों को सौंपा गया, एक रोड ओवर ब्रिज है जिन्होंने कार्य शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए तथाकथित रूप से कार्यवाही की है।

Law and Order Situation in Uttar Pradesh

2474. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the law and order situation in U.P. which is under President's Rule, is poor; and

(b) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The State Government has already issued appropriate instructions to all concerned in the matter to be vigilant and take whatever action is necessary for the effective maintenance of law and order in the state.

Proposal to Increase the Strength of Para-Military Forces

2475. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the strength of para-military forces like BSF, CRP and CISF etc. in the wake of increasing terrorist activities and different outlaw groups in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b): The strength of Central Para-Military Forces is reviewed on an ongoing basis in the light of requirements and appropriate action is taken.